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Rules and Regulations Committee Minutes

The Rules and Regulations Committee held a meeting on September 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in Conference Room B, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Dover, Delaware.

PRESENT: Linda Darling, Denise O'Donnell, Sharon Mills-Wisneski, Karen Rollo, Gary Alderson (entered at 9:15 a.m.)

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

PRESIDING: Linda Darling

STAFF: David Mangler, Director, Division of Professional Regulation; Meaghan Jerman, Board Liaison, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Darling called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from August 4, 2015 were reviewed. Dr. Mills-Wisneski made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Rollo. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

LPN SPP Checklist Feedback from Board of Nursing

Ms. Darling advised the committee that the Board of Nursing received copies of the draft Supervised Practice Plan (SPP) checklist at the last meeting. The Board will deliberate on this tool as well as the proposed regulation changes at the October meeting. The committee reviewed the written comments that were received from the State Council for Persons with Disabilities and the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens. Both organizations suggested revising the language to broaden the type of facility that the Board will consider authorizing to complete a SPP for a nurse applicant. The committee agreed that it is often challenging to find a facility to complete a SPP and that the proposed language gives the discretion to the Board to consider alternate facilities. Ms. Rollo made a motion to accept the proposed language from the State Council for Persons with Disabilities and the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens which state "The Board may authorize other healthcare facilities to serve as a participating facility if it determines that the facility would provide comparable opportunity to complete the SPP clinical skills checklist for a nurse applicant." By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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Develop RN Checklist

Members worked on the RN checklist. Mr. Mangler will make the recommended changes and email to committee members for review and comment. Any recommended changes will be made with the intent to share this document with the Board of Nursing at their October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS before the committee (for discussion only): Ms. Darling reported that she will begin developing a list of when regulations were last updated and when they are due to be reviewed again so that the Board is compliant with House Bill 147.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

NEXT MEETING- To be scheduled if needed.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David Mangler
Director
Division of Professional Regulation